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1. The Central Directorate of Skoda decided at the end of November 1947 to de-emphasize arms manufacture at the Pilsen plant and build up armament production at the plant at Dubnica, in Slovakia. The underground installations at Dubnica have not yet been restored, but repair work will probably start in the spring of 1948. The buildings above ground are in good shape and now house shops for the manufacture of cranes.
2. The Zbrojovka plant at Vsetin (P50/043) currently employs about 350 persons exclusively on peace-time production, principally of weaving-loom.
3. The Zbrojovka plant at Brno is producing miscellaneous consumer items, such as bicycles, kitchen equipment, and typewriters. The arms division, now operating on a restricted basis, is turning out rifles and repairing machine guns.
4. [REDACTED] hand grenades earmarked for Russia are being produced at two factories near Zlin (P50/021). The castings, which bear the lettering "SSSR", are manufactured at a plant in Vsetin, and then filled at a factory near Bojkovice (P50/T39).

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